GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF CHILLIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of chillies, particularly red chillies, has drastically increased over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the production and export of chillies in the coming years and provide assistance to the these farmers to improve their production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Prices of chillies have increased during the last one year. A statement showing monthly prices of chillies during 2009-10 to 2011-12 (till October, 2011) is given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories for increasing production and productivity of horticultural crops including chillies. Under the Missions, assistance is provided for production and distribution of quality seeds, area expansion, establishment of seed infrastructure for storage and drying, integrated Pest and Disease Management / Integrated Nutrient Management, disease forecasting units, plant health clinics, organic farming, technology dissemination, etc.

Spices Board is also implementing programmes to boost exports of spices including chillies.

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)facilities the exporters of agricultural commodities including chillies by providing assistance for infrastructure development including sorting / grading facility, quality development, market development & promotion, transport subsidy, etc.